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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: WILSON, Katina M. Art Unit: 2856
Re: Application of: DE HAAN, P.H. et al.
Serial No.: 10/070,576
Filed: August 27, 2002
For: **SENSOR FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF
MOISTURE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, the following remarks are made:

Applicants, in response to the requirement of election of species, elect to further prosecute in this case the species of Figs. 1a and 1b, in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable. It is urged that Claims 1-8, 11, 12-15, 17 and 18 currently read on the elected species. Applicants thus elect the species in which the intrinsic conducting polymers (ICP's) form part of the capacity.

This response to the requirement of election of species is made with traverse. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. It is believed that the claims specifically directed to the other Figures identified by the Examiner should be examined together and that the differences of species is not such as to require separate examinations. No separate search would be required because these embodiments include the same elements, i.e., a moisture sensor and ICP's, as set forth in the generic claim.

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EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION

This response is being filed with a petition for a one month extension of time and authorization to charge to the fee to a credit card is enclosed herewith, thus extending the period for response from May 8, 2003 up to and including June 9, 2003, (June 8, 2003 being Sunday). No further fees are believed to be required. If it is determined that any further fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No.02-2275.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0275.

Respectfully submitted,

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